

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A stabilizer for vehicles, comprising:

a torsion portion extending in a width direction of a vehicle;

arm portions extending in a forward or backward direction from opposite end portions of the torsion portion;

straight portions provided proximate to the opposite end portions of the torsion portion, the straight portions extending along an axial direction thereof;

end portions of the arm portions,

the end portions of the arm portions being mounted to the vehicle, and the straight portions being mounted to the vehicle via bushes; and

a stopper provided to one of the straight portions, the stopper preventing one of the straight portions from moving more than a predetermined distance in [[an]] the axial direction with respect to one of the bushes, which is provided to one of the straight portions,wherein

another of the bushes is slidably provided to another of the straight portions along the axial direction.

2. **(Previously Presented)** The stabilizer for vehicles according to claim 1, wherein the stopper is provided to opposite sides of one of the bushes.

3. **(Previously Presented)** The stabilizer for vehicles according to claim 2, wherein the stopper has a ring-shaped portion.

4. **(Withdrawn)** A stabilizer for vehicles according to claim 3, wherein a notch allowing the stopper to pass through the leading end portion of the arm portion is formed in the inside of the ring-shaped portion.

5. **(Previously Presented)** The stabilizer for vehicles according to claim 2, wherein the stopper has a C-shaped portion and is caulked around one of the straight portions.

6. **(Previously Presented)** The stabilizer for vehicles according to claim 2, wherein the stopper has a U-shaped portion and is fit to one of the straight portions.

7. **(Withdrawn)** A stabilizer for vehicles according to claim 2, wherein the stopper is made of rubber and is fastened by a clamper to be fixed around the straight portion.

8. **(Withdrawn)** A stabilizer for vehicles according to claim 1, wherein the stopper is provided in the inside of one of the bushes.

9. **(Withdrawn)** A stabilizer for vehicles according to claim 8, wherein a hollow portion having inner walls at both side ends thereof is formed in the bush and the stopper is held by the inner walls.

10. **(Currently Amended)** A method for mounting a stabilizer for vehicles, the stabilizer including:

a torsion portion extending in a width direction of a vehicle;

arm portions extending in a forward or backward direction from opposite end portions of the torsion portion;

straight portions provided proximate to opposite end portions of the torsion portion, the straight portions extending along an axial direction thereof;

end portions of the arm portions[[.]] ; and

the end portions of the arm portions being mounted to the vehicle, and the straight portions being mounted to the vehicle via bushes,

the method comprising the steps of:

fixing a stopper to one of the straight portions, the stopper preventing one of the straight portions from moving more than a predetermined distance in [[an]] the axial direction with respect to one of the bushes which is provided to one [[fo]] of the straight portions;

providing another of the bushes slidably to another of the straight portions along the axial direction;

mounting one of the straight portions, which is proximate to the stopper, to the vehicle via one of the bushes; and

mounting another of the straight portions to the vehicle via another of the bushes.

11. **(Previously Presented)** The method for mounting a stabilizer for vehicles according to claim 10, wherein the stopper is provided to opposite sides of one of the bushes.

12. **(Previously Presented)** The method for mounting a stabilizer for vehicles according to claim 11, wherein the stopper has a ring-shaped portion.

13. **(Withdrawn)** A method for mounting a stabilizer for vehicles according to claim 12, wherein a notch allowing the stopper to pass through the leading end portion of the arm portion is formed in the inside of the ring-shaped portion.

14. **(Previously Presented)** The method for mounting a stabilizer for vehicles according to claim 11, wherein the stopper has a C-shaped portion and is caulked around one of the straight portions.

15. **(Previously Presented)** The method for mounting a stabilizer for vehicles according to claim 11, wherein the stopper has a U-shaped portion and is fit to one of the straight portions.

16. **(Withdrawn)** A method for mounting a stabilizer for vehicles according to claim 11, wherein the stopper is made of rubber and is fastened by a clamper to be fixed around the straight portion.

17. **(Withdrawn)** A method for mounting a stabilizer for vehicles according to claim 10, wherein the stopper is provided in the inside of one of the bushes.

18. **(Withdrawn)** A method for mounting a stabilizer for vehicles according to claim 17, wherein a hollow portion having inner walls at both side ends thereof is formed in the bush and the stopper is held by the inner walls.